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Funds Toward New Lab Grow Steadily

The wham of the hammer and rip of the saw may again become familiar sounds to MBA this summer. Already \$21,000 has been collected toward the appropriated cost of \$40,000 for a new lab.

The equipment is expected to be ordered right away, but the building of the laboratory itself will not begin until late this summer. The lab will occupy the lower half of the gym across from the locker room, and is expected to be one of the finest labs in this area.

Students will enjoy such new equipment as new lab desks with a sink in each, new lecture desks, a fume hood, movable lab tables, and complete dark room equipment. There will also be a biology department containing an aquarium and a germinating bed.

Twenty Eight Nominated For Senior Honor Society

The National Senior Honor society, which annually selects boys of high scholastic ability to join its ranks, has issued a list of those students who have qualified for eligibility. The boys listed below have qualified because of their consistency in maintaining an average of 90 or above for three semesters in school. However, only those students who are outstanding in citizenship, honor, and integrity will be chosen in the final selection. The qualifiers are: Appen, Barrett, Barry, Chumbley, Crowell, Dale, L., Estes, Evans, Fort, Frist, Glasgow, Hardison, Harwell, Hendrickson, P., Houser, D., Howell, J., McClelland, Nielson, Pickering, Prueher, Robertson, Simpson, Vaughn, Walker, Williams, C., Wood, Bobby, Wood, Billy, Witherspoon.

"Gray Ghost" Visits MBA

CIVIL WAR HERITAGE RECALLED

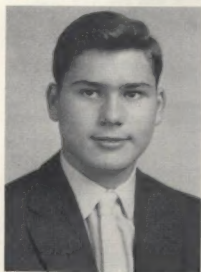
Much of the MBA heritage which came from the War Between the States was brought back to memory on Friday, February 7. The legendary "Gray Ghost" of the Confederate Army, portrayed in a television series by Hollywood actor Tod Andrews, visited the campus and augmented the rebel spirit that has been typical of MBA student bodies since the Civil War days.

Dressed in the picturesque attire of a Confederate Major, Mr. Andrews made a round of different classes during the last period of the day. He visited Mr. Carter's American History class where he spoke to the students. Mr. Carter, an honorary Confederate Colonel, spoke of the heroism of a great son of Montgomery Bell Academy, Sam Davis. Later, he went to Mrs. Bitzer's junior English class and to the seventh and eighth grade classes.

"The fact that this television series has been received well in both the North and the South indicates that the war might be over," was the statement with which Mr. Andrews summed up his feelings.



John Dale



Bill Barr

Forensic Club Has Dinner Meeting

At 6:30 Monday, the 10th of February, the MBA Forensic Club had its annual dinner at Highland Crest restaurant. Among the guests were Mrs. Campbell, the Club's Sponsor, Mr. Bill Kendall, a member of the Parthenon Toastmaster's Club, and Mr. Carter, our Headmaster.

The chairman, Ira Parker, called the meeting to order, and, after Tony Edmonds gave the invocation the 25 members present sat down to a delicious meal of fried chicken.

After the dinner, Mrs. Campbell was presented a lovely orchid on behalf of the Club by Tommy Murphree.

Following a brief business meeting, Mr. Kendall took over the chairmanship. Mr. Kendall was the Commanding Officer of a submarine chaser in World War II, and he pedaled 1400 miles on a bicycle tour through Europe. Ostensibly he was a man of many interests.

Short speeches were then delivered by Bill Barr, who spoke of the differences between American and Russian education; by Frank Crowell, on the history and characteristics of our United States currency; and by Lionel Barret and Richard Appen on the pro's and con's of increasing our present foreign aid program.

A continued story of impromptu speeches on the subject of "The First Trip to the Moon" was next in the order of events. The deliveries and their topics were:

1. Mechanics of rockets and procedures of firing—David Duke.
2. The count down and the blast off—Robert Stanley.
3. The early stages of travel—Robert White.

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Totomoi Honors Two Seniors

In a tapping ceremony on January 10, two MBA seniors received the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a student of the school. Totomoi, MBA's honorary leadership fraternity, selected John Dale, and Bill Barr to join the exclusive membership of its society. The achievements of these boys in the various activities of the school laid strong claim to the laurels so greatly coveted.

To qualify for membership, a student must have accomplished two majors and one minor in the achievements in three of the following fields: Scholarship, athletics, student government, publications, and miscellaneous activities which include organizations and forensics.

John Dale's qualifications were from major activities in scholarship and student government, and a minor in forensics and organizations. Athletically, John is making his greatest strides. He has played two years of junior varsity and two years of varsity in both football and basketball, as well as four years of baseball; presently he is high scorer on the basketball squad. Furthermore, he is even turning to coaching the Hi-Y basketball team. John has been president, vice-president and secretary of his respective sophomore, junior, and senior classes; he was on the Honor Council his freshman year. The Freedom Forum and Hi-Y have also held much of John's attention.

Bill Barr's achievements ranged from majors in scholarship, organizations, and forensics to minors in student government and athletics. Bill, who is president of the Honor Council, also has been active in Hi-Y, the Key Club and the Freedom Forum. Brains and brawn come in the same package with Bill; he holds numerous scholastic medals as well as being a hard-hitting tackle on the football team. It is an honor and a privilege for a school such as MBA to furnish the healthy environment for those two gentlemen.

7th Grade Parents Visit School

On Feb. 12 an informal meeting between 7th grade parents and faculty members was held at MBA for the purpose of becoming more closely acquainted.

Mr. Carter took this opportunity to inform the parents of several forthcoming events of interest. Foremost were the announcements of a speech contest for the 7th and 8th grades on Feb. 19 with Mrs. Norton Campbell presiding, and of the Valentine's Day Dance, which was held February 14 in the Honor Room.

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New Senior Exemption Privileges Announced

At a recent assembly, Mr. Carter announced that the faculty had decided to exempt from the examination all seniors who meet certain qualifications—an eighty-five average in the respective classes and a conduct exemplary of a gentleman. In addition to these qualifications, Mrs. Bitzer has added a few of her own:

1. Text in class every day
2. Homework every day
3. Contribution to class
4. Good attitude in class
5. Good themes
6. Outside reading

MERIT SQT NOW GIVEN JUNIOR YEAR

Victory Augments Dedication of Currey Gymnasium

On Friday, January the 17th, the MBA easily won the second game that has ever been played in our newly dedicated gymnasium by beating Hillsboro 51 to 44. The formal dedication was conducted between the halves of the game before a capacity crowd of partisan Burro and Maroon rooters. The structure is named for Mr. Brownlee O. Currey, the late chairman of Montgomery Bell Academy's Board of Trustees, who died in 1952.

The gym has a large exhibition basketball court with the same dimensions as Vanderbilt's and two cross courts on the first floor. With our new seats, we can now accommodate approximately 900 spectators, but seating arrangements for 2,000 are planned for the future. The gym has about 31,000 square feet of floor space; this includes both the top floor and the basement, which has a set of locker rooms, a supply room, an office for Coach Tommy Owen, twelve showers, and room for a future science laboratory and class rooms.

The dedication ceremonies were started with a word of welcome from our Headmaster, Mr. F. E. Carter and an introduction by Mr. John Sloan, Chairman of the present Board of Trustees. Mr. Sloan then introduced the Rector of St. George's Episcopal Church, the Rev. Robert M. Shaw, who delivered the invocation. Mr. Shaw was asked to give the invocation because he is the Rector of the Church in which Brownlee O. Currey was very much interested.

After the invocation, Mr. Sloan recognized Mr. Thomas L. Sneed, Mr. Stinton Oman, Sr., Dr. Thomas Frist, Brownlee O. Currey, Jr., and Mr. Robert Creighton as having exerted a great deal of time and effort on the building committee and the fund-raising campaign for the gym. Montgomery Bell's Alumni Association and the Board of Trustees were also given credit for the fine work the men have done towards the building of the gymnasium. At this opportunity, we of the BELL RINGER wish to thank all of you who have contributed so generously so that our gym might be built.

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The 1958-1959 national testing program is designed to provide more service to participating students and schools. While it will serve primarily as a preliminary screening instrument to select thousands of scholarship winners, the program has several new and important guidance and educational-planning features. These additional benefits will be best realized by testing at the end of the junior year rather than at the start of the senior year.

All high school students in their second-semester junior year or first-semester senior year are eligible to take the test. The charge

The National Merit Scholarship Committee announced that two MBA students, Richard Miller and Jim Knight qualified for the SQT scholarship. Miller and Knight each made high enough in the qualifying test Oct. 22 to put them in the top 99% of the participating students. The final decision on scholarships will be made on the basis of College Board grades, high school record and leadership qualities. If either wins a scholarship the amount awarded will be based on financial need.

for taking the test is \$1.00 per student, payable on the examination day—Tuesday, April 29, 1958. In event of financial hardship, a limited number of students will be tested free. Tests will take place from 9:00 to 12:00 in all participating high schools.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation administers the nation's largest independently supported college scholarship program for high school students. In the 1957-1958 academic year it provided more than \$5,000,000 worth of four-year scholarships. The amount of the scholarship is determined by financial need, and is renewable annually without further competitive examination.

Dr. Stamaker, director, stated that this national program, which embraces all U. S. territories and possessions, sends thousands of deserving students to college, students whose unusual talents might otherwise be wasted because of their inability to finance the increasing cost of higher education.

Students are urged to register promptly at the Headmaster's office—before the March 20th deadline.



Chancellor Harvie Branscomb of Vanderbilt addresses dedication crowd of 1000.

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A FORMULA FOR FAILURE

For thousands of years there has been a formula for failure. This is hard to believe, but it is true. This formula is readily seen in the young man who thinks of nothing but his own selfish interests. He will be out on the streets at night when he ought to be home with his books. Homework is of no importance until possibly the last moment; then he has the nerve to inquire sweetly if he may copy his neighbor's paper. When exams roll around, he considers them a huge joke, an immense riot. He would not consider soiling his mind with study. So the exams are taken completely unprepared for and then quickly forgotten. His grades are prophetic, but, oh, won't he ever learn?

This type of person never gets so far as college. Long ago he ruined his chances with a poor record. Now he is faced with an almost impossible task of finding a job. Known for his past record, he finds no sympathy, not even among his acquaintances. Consequently, our little man, our successful failure, finds life a bitter pill. What has he lived for? Why was he born? You and I know he was born to be a credit to his world. But he believed in the wrong formula. Forgotten and lonely, he lived—and died—for nothing.

The Justification of an Axiom

Tony Edmonds
"Day by day
And year by year
The idols fall
And the idols rise."

The fact expressed by these lines taken from Sandburg's poem "The Hammer" has come to be accepted as inevitable. In a sense, it has become an axiom. Let us now consider the justification of this axiom.

Perhaps the most popular American citizen in the late nineteenth century was John L. Sullivan, the heavyweight boxing champion of the world. He was idolized because he fought in the old style, standing still and depending on his right hand. One hot summer night in 1892 he fought James Corbett for the title. Big John L. was heavily favored, but in the opening round, Corbett showed that he had developed a new technique in boxing, a bobbing, weaving style that had Sullivan completely baffled. He forced Sullivan to come to him, wore him down, and finally knocked him out. Sullivan lost the fight but more important lost his public. He tumbled from his pinnacle for one important reason: someone had shown the public a new idea, and the public accepted this idea.

Two thousand years before the idol named Sullivan fell, another idol had fallen. This idol, however, was not a man but a concept. Since the time of Adam and Eve, the Jewish people had looked upon God as a jealous, wrathful deity that lived on a mountain or in a temple and struck down anyone who displeased Him with Jupiter-like thunder bolts. Then Christ came into the world, and He refuted this concept by His living

and by His dying. While He lived He taught that God was a God of mercy and peace. When He died, He showed that God was a God of love and forgiveness. "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." Why did this idol of a vengeful God fall? Someone introduced a new idea, and the public accepted this idea as the truth.

What a strange analogy this is—the fall of a boxing idol and the fall of a religious concept. Although they seem to be far apart, they both express a fundamental truth wherein the justification lies. Tennyson has best put this truth into words:

"The old order changeth, yielding place to new,
And God fulfills Himself in many ways,
Lest one good customer should corrupt the world."

MICROBE NEWS

After mid-term examination the Junior School has been busy failing tests, getting demerits, having snowball fights, getting demerits and serving off demerits.

The song of the Microbes is "I've Been Polishing the Woodwork." Four out of twenty-one pass mid-term 7th Grade History exams.

The Microbes are minus two pupils—one is John Farris who transferred to B.C.A. and Mason Houghland who is spending the winter in Florida—lucky creep!

We had a Valentine dance on the good Saint's day. The Microbes dislike the idea of having to stay at study hall until 4:15 although it is a good time to try out new candy bars and new kinds of paper (to make paper wads).

Freshman News

Well here we are again news fiends for that weird and ludicrous Freshman news column.

Mr. Carter's latest report on Mid-term exams show most boys are passing. The other unfortunate few will probably be meeting in the summer school.

Flash! Spook was overcome by some potent gas. The gas came from Mr. Novak's pipe. Spook's widdle ole lungs just couldn't take it.

Mr. Carter and faculty introduced a new class division. The eager cater boys, the ones who love to work like Cheek, Beard, and Riddle, are in a special class. They get harder homework and tests to show their ability to work. They just love this new class.

Mr. Bachlela employs a new system, more vocabulary. See if you can read this: Atrocious calamities emanate from Cynics.

Terry gives Todd the spin and then steps on a Junior.

Cheek complains about the draft in Mr. Novak's isolation booth.

Kenard gets a shower bath in the restroom during lunch period. Mr. Novak starts a new club, "The Bald Healed League." All it takes to join is a shaven head.

The AX freshmen look like they want to join.

Freezing Monday is a memorable day to the Frosh. The only reason you didn't freeze was because of all the teacher's hot air.

And now for your favorite part of the whole paper:

Corn Corner
Three slightly deaf old ladies met on a street corner. "Windy, isn't it?" said one. "No, it's Thursday," said the second. "So am I," said the third, "Let's all go have a cup of tea."

And there was the man who put salt on the dog and patted the roast beef.

Sophomore News

Greeting Comrades: Welcome again to another edition of the Daily Worker. Hutchison declared Communist by Comrade Younger. Followers of hammer and sickle gather in Pop's room. Mr. Younger spurns Christmas gift of 90 proof presented by kindly sophomores.

Residents of Springfield amazed as sophomores solve mystery of pyramids on gym floor. Betsy Harwood and Judy Daniels lead cheers. Juniors flee in terror as sophomores rally behind Stone-wall Wood at the battle of Bull. General Bloater Pig Palmer offers military strategy and rocks to Mr. Younger for invasion of Bosnia. The sophomores had a party February 15, at Allen Wallace's house. Bobby Russell picked and sung. Sophomores go bankrupt—President impeached for stealing class funds. Don Juan Estes tells bedtime tales to nowhere sophs. The sophomore class lost smudgepot Jeff Williams to the Land of Beer; but have gained two fine students in Ralph Hewitt and Bill Marks.

Junior News

Tote that barge! Lift that bale; and we sure have. Exams once again come around and leave a wake worse than that of the Black Plague. What a way to start the new year. Oh well, exams have come and gone; they come, we're gone, but good.

Plenty of midnight oil was burned, but to no avail. Few juniors manage to break into double digits. Charlie Taylor ends first semester with hundred average. Credits his success to wine, women and song. Wood and Appen make zeros, bring averages up.

Which well known teacher on the hill, when asked if he had a good Christmas, replied, "Christmas? BAH, HUMBUG!"

Charley Taylor ALIVE!

Too bad Packy Smith and Randy Kroner had to make the papers the way they did by getting themselves involved in a little accident. They are all patched up now and back at school. Glad to have you fellows.

Fort's answers to Mrs. B's questions as to the kind of ladies involved in the "Outcasts of Poker Flats" set Sigmund Freud back thirty years.

Juniors protest because Peyton Place not put on required reading list.

Charley Taylor DEAD! (Say, is he any kin to Pete Smith?) Crawford tells English class of escapades of trapping one-legged chickens with a lasso when he was four. Playhouse 90 and Climax both offer to do spectacular.

Plane Geometry warned against "Crazy bedbugs."

This reporter is constantly on the search for notable information to pass on to the poor misinformed. As another public service, this column wishes to give to you at this time, the top tunes of Russia as obtained from Sam Bolshevick-einsteimburegninsky, of WCZAR in Moscow, Russia's top Disk Jockey—at least he was last week.

Terry gives Todd the spin and then steps on a Junior.

1. Whole Lot of Purgin' Going On

2. Old Cape Leningrad

3. Dynamite Your Baby to Sleep

4. Wish You Were Dead

5. How Much Is That Doggy in the Satellite

6. She Traded Her Hammer for a Sickle

7. Siberian Sunset

8. Friendly Persecuter

9. Raid the Town and Kill the People

10. Mutual Assassination Society

11. Throw Mama Under the Train

12. All Shot Up

13. Toy Sickle

14. Moscow Antiqua

15. Let the Good Heads Roll

16. Everything I Have Is Ours

17. Happiness Is a Thing Called Bulgainin

18. Red Slacks

19. Hanging in the Rain

20. Bye Bye Molotov!

21. How Little You Know

22. Jealous Comrade

23. Red Subs in the Sunset

24. Love Letters in the Daily Worker

25. Great Balls of Propaganda

26. Rock Around the Kremlin

27. Sail Along Artificial Moon

28. Catch a Falling Sputnik

29. Miserable, Miserable

30. Teardrops in My Vodka

31. It's not for You to Say

32. My Little Bolshevick

33. Somebody's Been Brainwashing My Baby

34. In the Middle of a Salt Mine

35. For All We Know, We May Not Be Here Tomorrow

36. Gee But It's Great After Hanging Your Date

37. Hall! Hall! The Cell's All Here

38. Stood Up! Blindfolded! Shot in the Back

39. Blue Suede Ankle Chain

40. Short Fat Geisha Girl

Any resemblance of this column to any piece of literary prose, living or dead, is purely coincidental.

Senior News

Half of school is gone and so are the Seniors.

New letter jackets arrive. Mayes decides to frame his.

Purdy bitten by "Buildog" while writing an editorial in class. Senior dam builders on rampage. Fifth tennis court sinks. Yacht club holds regatta in study hall.

Creagh and Dale also bitten by mad "buildog."

R. Miller decides to attack "buildog." Miller defeated. Steinbaugh and Parker collapse after the first day of Hi-Y basketball practice. Quote, "I quit."

Seen enjoying themselves at the Forensic Club Banquet at Highland Crest Restaurant recently were Bill Blevins, Alan Purdy, Don Steinbaugh, David Waller, and Robert Stanley. The entire club was astounded by David Duke's speech on the mechanics of a rocket. Not to be left out was Laird Smith, who introduced "moon goons" to the group.

It seems that Mayes has suffered a sudden attack of "I can't get out of that window fast enough." Therefore it is advisable for anyone seeing Mayes near a window to dash forth and lock it.

Charlie Taylor dies and being of sound mind and body leaves his good grades to Christian, his good looks to McDermott, his good girls to Rice, "Harpoon H" to Dick Williams, his copy of Peyton Place to Robert Stanley, his saddle to Albert Wheeler, and his extra set of wings to Robert White.

Bradley goes "wild" over song—"Great Balls of Fire."

The Senior Class would like to take this opportunity to extend best wishes to Hugh Bowers, who has been sick recently.

Stanley gives up women for poetry.

M.B.A. attacked by "Central Tornadoes." Tornadoes driven back to "bulldog."

"Gleem" Parker, the boy with the next shiniest head in M.B.A. decides to go into business, manufacturing expensive-looking shirts.

Miss Kaye scolds Stanley, begs forgiveness after Stanley threatens to desert eighth period French class.

"Bushy" Uden, casanova of the jungle, comes to school with LBT necklace shining with great contrast against his muddy complexion.

So until next issue, remember: There's a law against necking under buses in Hong Kong.

Alumni News

The alumni have apparently not been doing anything notable lately because we of this paper have not received any news to pass on to you. We once again ask that if you have any information concerning our illustrious alumni, we request that you not hesitate to send it in.

One of our alums had to make the papers the hard way. We are referring to Robin Beard, '57, who was involved in a recent automobile accident. We extend our sincere wishes for a speedy recovery. . . . Bill Wade, '48, making a name for himself as quarterback of the Los Angeles Rams pro football team, has accepted a position with Super Service, a local trucking line. Also during his off-season absence from the gridiron, he has been helping out with the M.B.A. athletic program after school.

Because of a lack of information, we are unable to give to you any more information on our former students. Please send any news that you might have to:

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Literary Dept.

Student Criticizes Popular Novel

Honestly, to what new levels will the present day American Literature degenerate? Never in this Country's annals has there been such an ebb in the proficiency of new reading material. One could take Peyton Place as a prime example of this statement. I will never again waste my eyesight of five hundred pages of such trash. The publication of this book has dragged our literature to the depths of blackness. The unstable adolescent mind would thrive on this book, while the mature person would regard it as significant of the ever decreasing morality of the people. Francis Bacon once said that some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few books to be chewed and digested; I might add, and some few to be vomited. I would go as far as saying that fifty per cent of the Peyton Place readers have never heard of Albert Camus, the winner of the 1957 Nobel Prize for literature. It may be in vain, but a "voice in the wilderness" cries for Americans to awaken to their vast resources of great literature.

SPORTS

MBA Concludes Basketball Season

The Maroon Cagers have thus far compiled a respectable mark of 8-9 through February 11. A resume of the seventeen games is as follows:

MBA 38—TPS 43. MBA dropped its opener on Dec. 3 in the newly inaugurated gym. Dale was tops for the Maroons with 14 points.

MBA 31—Howard 32. The Big Red lost a heartbreaker in the last few moments. Husband and Dale headed the scorers' column with 11 apiece.

MBA 40—Cohn 57. Cohn's blistering 42% field goal shooting kept them in command the entire game. Dale and Murrey were high for the Maroons with 12 and 11 points respectively.

MBA 48—Ryan 40. One of their best performances, MBA snowed the Panthers, overcoming a 26-17 half-time deficit. Dale hit for 13, Creagh for 11.

MBA 38—West 64. The Blue Jays piled up a thirteen point half-time edge, and went on to win easily. Eddie Murrey was high for the Big Red with 10.

MBA 45—Springfield 41. The Maroons rallied in the final two periods to edge the Yellow Jackets. Dickie Husband topped the MBA scorers with 10.

MBA 44—Lipscomb 52. The Mustangs controlled throughout, leading 32-24 at the half. Dale led both teams with 18.

MBA 49—North 40. The Maroons increased a one-point half time margin and went on to down the Yanks. Dale once again led the scorers column with 19.

MBA 45—Peabody 44. The Big Red fought off a last-half Peabody rally to win a thriller. Creagh and Dale were high for the Maroons with 13 and 12 points, respectively.

MBA 47—Cohn 56. MBA could not contain the torrid shooting of the Tigers, who coasted to victory after beating down a last-half rally by the Maroons. Dale's 14 points was high for MBA.

MBA 43—Ryan 54. The Big Red was smothered by a red-hot 49% Panther average and a 31 point barrage by Billy Hudson. Murphree and Creagh both had 8 for MBA.

MBA 51—Hillsboro 44. The Maroons trampled the mighty Burros from the 19th District. John Dale seared the ropes for 20 points, high for both squads.

MBA 61—North 68. The Maroons pulled out a victory in an offensive battle right down to the wire. Dale and Clay shared the spotlight with 24 and 12 points, respectively.

MBA 59—CHMA 55. The Maroons downed a highly rated Castle Heights quintet, controlling after a 3 point half-time margin. Creagh swished the net for 24 and Dale for 18 to share scoring honors as the Maroons maintained a 38% shooting average.

MBA 44—West 54. Although they carried a 3 point margin into the final half, the Maroons could not hold Sharer (30 Points) and company. Creagh once again was high for MBA with 21.

MBA 59—Lipscomb 46. The Big Red avenged an earlier loss to the Mustangs with a blistering 39% field goal percentage, Dale returning to the top of the scorers column with 20 points.

MBA 44—Howard 56. After an 11 point half-time deficit, the Maroons fell short. Dale topped the scoring with 17 points, assisted by Sloan's last half 13-point effort.

The five top point averages for the year include:
Dale—14.7
Creagh—9.8
Clay—6.9
Murphree—6.2
Murrey—4.5

Dale Selected on All 18th District Squad

The Maroon cagers were honored when they learned that John Dale, captain and playmaker of the MBA squad, was named on the All-18th District quintet. His second year on the Big Red Varsity, John was selected along with such stars as Sharer of West and Hudson of Ryan. The scrappy 5 feet 11 inches, 170 pounder has always been a standout on the hardwood with his perennial ball-hawking and remarkable out-court shooting. John has failed to break the double-digit scoring column only once this year, and leads his teammates in almost all scoring departments. This year he has scored a total of 90 field goals and 41 free throws for a total of 221 points through games of Feb. 7. His field goal percentage of 36% is also tops for the Maroons. John has always been an outstanding boy at MBA, having been selected for the Totomoi Society in January. He is the personality of the month in this issue of the BELL RINGER.

Microbe Tournay Due February 27

The Microbe basketball team, which has had no set practice or playing schedule because of lack of gym space, is now set for the Round Robin Tournament scheduled for February 27, 28 and March 1, 2. Lipscomb and Peabody are the other contenders for the crown in this tournament to be held at the MBA gym. Coach Landon hopes to start Russ Dilley, Billy Gourley, David Patterson, Mouse Myhr and Bobo Buntin for the Little Red. The Microbes have a 4-3 seasonal record, having beaten Parmer, Crive Hall, H. G. Hill and Lipscomb; they fell only to Lipscomb once and to Woodmont twice.



Photo by Craig Nielson
MBA's Ed Creagh attempts to tip rebound away from Ryan ace, Billy Hudson.

Coach Announces '58 Grid Schedule

Sept. 12	St. Xavier	Home
Sept. 19	Clarksville	Home
Sept. 26	Gallatin	Away
Oct. 3	Father Ryan	Home
Oct. 10	Open	
Oct. 16	Springfield	Away
Oct. 24	Oak Ridge	Away
Oct. 31	Isaac Litton	Away
Nov. 7	Open	
Nov. 14	Hillsboro	Home

The mighty Maroons of MBA face probably the toughest schedule next year of any they have ever encountered. Opening on Sept. 12, they meet St. Xavier of Louisville, Ky., who were the state champs in 1957. On Oct. 24, they encounter the perennial power from East Tennessee, Oak Ridge, a game which the Maroons have long awaited. In addition to these battles, MBA must face also the three other teams of the AAA class, Ryan, Litton, and Hillsboro, meeting the rival Burros on Frank Andrews field in the finale on Nov. 14.

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Hi-Y Initiates Cage Season

Maroon Hi-Y basketball hopes this year are resting with twelve junior and senior hoop enthusiasts under the able guidance of coach John Dale. The schedule is as yet undecided; but Hillsboro, East, and Litton will probably be opponents on the Hi-Y slate. The highlight of last year's season was a trip to Atlanta for a tournament in that city, and this year's cagers are going all the way to secure that invitation again. Members of the squad are Laird Smith, Jim Knight, David Duke, Dick Husband, Max Grant, Eddie Grant, Tommy Roberts, Jackie Hooper, Alan Purdy, Chuck Chumbley, Anders Myhr, Don Steinbaugh, and Ira Parker.

Freshmen Enjoy Successful Hoop Season

Under the able coaching of Charles Matlock, assistant coach of the famed Maroon gridiron club, the one-year old freshman basketball squad maintained a creditable record. Having downed such foes as Cohn, North, CHMA, Cavert, and Ashland City, the baby Maroons finished the season by a resounding victory over Battle Ground Academy 33-30, who had been sailing along with a 10-game winning streak. Tommy Worrell and Bill Schwab tallied for 12 and 11 points respectively. The starters include Schwab, Worrell, Wills Morgan, Alex Montgomery, Travis, and Chris Williams.

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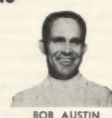
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FORENSICS . . .

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4. Traveling to and circling the moon—Chuck Chumbley.
5. Landing and exploring the moon—Laird Smith.
6. Taking off and returning to earth—Garth Fort.
7. Landing and the heroes' welcome—Bill Wood.

This segment of the program was very enthusiastically received by those attending.

Mr. Kendall then evaluated the remarks of the speakers. His criticisms were very interesting and revealing. Following this, several appropriate remarks were given by Mr. Carter.

Ira Parker then adjourned the very enjoyable gathering.

Other news dealing with forensic activities:

The forensic team will participate in the Tennessee Drama League at Clarksville and the Mid-South Forensic contest at Vanderbilt.

The junior declamation contest will be held on February 19th.

The debating team is planning an excursion to Georgia to attend a tournament at Emory University.

The junior-senior declamation tourney is to be held in the near future. Any persons interested should notify Mrs. Campbell.

CURREY GYMNASIUM . . .

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The dedication address was delivered by Chancellor Harvie Branscomb of Vanderbilt University. Mr. Branscomb gave an excellent speech in which he at first discussed the altruistic things Mr. Curry had done for St. Georges, Vanderbilt, MBA and mankind. Chancellor Branscomb also elaborated on the philanthropic gestures Mr. Curry had shown towards Montgomery Bell and then he concluded his speech with the hope that spirit of Mr. Curry would remain here forever in the Brownlee O. Curry Memorial Gymnasium.

After the applause had subsided, Mr. John Sloan recognized the guests of honor for the occasion. Those who were introduced were Mrs. Brownlee O. Curry, Sr., her daughter, Mrs. William D. Hall, and her son, Brownlee O. Curry, Jr. The dedication ceremony was concluded by Mr. Sloan; and our team, perhaps inspired by the impressive proceedings, went on to make the evening a perfect success.

Personality Of the Month

The newspaper staff has chosen as personality of the month, John Dale, one of a line of three athletes who have attended MBA. His older brother, James Dale, was an all-round athlete, and John has certainly followed in his brothers footsteps through football, basketball, and baseball. Behind these two, follows Lewis who also has exceptional talent in athletics.

Included in John's extra-curricular activities is his membership in many organizations here at school. He is vice-president of the Hi-Y and coaches this club's basketball team. He is a member of our Senior Freedom Forum which visits other schools several times during the year. Moreover, he is a member of the staff which will provide us with another of the finest annuals in Tennessee. The most important office he holds is president of the Delta Sigma Fraternity which is one of the stronger fraternities at MBA.

John has attended MBA since his freshman year and has achieved an outstanding record which will benefit him wherever he goes. Since this paper is privileged to be a part of this school's history, John's name is hereby recorded as MBA's "Personality of the Month."

Key Club Announces New Members

The new members of the Key Club this year are Ben Mayes, Robert Stanley, Tom Stevens, Sam Pickering, Sam Glasgow, Billy Wood, Wilson Prueher, Lionel Barret, Lewis Dale, Willie Hardison and Bobby Frist.

The Key Club presented to the school this year a composite of last year's football team. Each player received a copy of this picture.

The senior members of the Key Club have been attending the Friday luncheons of the Kiwanis Club to learn particulars about that organization.

7th GRADE . . .

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Of particular interest to the mothers and fathers were Mr. Carter's remarks concerning the excellence of dress habits maintained by the 7th and 8th graders, and the fact that the 7th grade now holds the highest percentage of privileged students in the school.

Approximately 60 parents were present, all representing 7th grade students.

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Good Citizenship In the School

The German philosopher Goethe once wrote: "Talent is developed in secret, but character in the stream of life." It would be a tragic disappointment to think that there is no secret talent—small as it may seem—hidden in the confines of each and every human being. But the greatest tragedy would result from the fact that there were no gates open through which to guide talent into the current of character development, no workshop of society in which the individual can express himself and weave his life in with that of his associates. Security that this catastrophe will never occur has been placed in a great American institution—the high school. For all who might know, the rights and privileges stored in the high school society are being abused to the extent that character development is pinched in the bud. Why? The reason is that high school students have not yet fully recognized their true responsibility to the well being of the whole group. A sense of good citizenship must come to the rescue.

Any foreigner who has visited the United States will testify that Americans are great organizers. Consequently, with many of these factions taking an active part in high school life, opportunities for character development are unlimited.

As the student passes through

the high school segment in the stream of life, he recognizes that co-operation, both with faculty and fellow students, is essential in producing a harmonious educational society and enriching educational experience. Realizing this fact, he offers his talents as a contribution to the group; yet he does not enter contract unless he is reasonably sure of his ability to meet all obligations. In his own self-confident way, he hopes to improve school atmosphere with his contribution; to this end he will exemplify good citizenship. The thoughtful student proudly offers his acts of good citizenship to the heritage and tradition of the school of which he is a part.

Common courtesy, though sometimes taken for granted, is a mark of the true citizen. Automatic courtesy to the elder and more deserving faculty may reap its rewards, but thoughtful courtesy to one's fellow students effects the greater joy of being a part. Courtesy is motivated by feelings of amiability and later breeds the immaculate virtue of loyalty, a characteristic of the nucleus of true citizenship.

A good citizen never slacks in his ideals. His pinnacle of perfection in citizenship (and for that matter, all of his achievements) is built on a foundation of honor. His outstanding trait is an upstanding trait—upstanding for what is right in every case and trial that he comes across. The right choice may, of course, apply to the rules of the school, which are formulated and outlined, as is the institution itself, for the benefit of the student. It stands to reason that the school is the cradle of preparation for citizenship in the human kingdom on earth, and finally for the even greater Kingdom to come.

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